

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sergeant Tiffany A. Zwart, United States Marine Corps, for her meritorious military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean is Sergeant Tiffany A. Zwart, who has bravely served in the United States Marine Corps since she enlisted on July 31, 2001; shortly thereafter, she was promoted to Private First Class and has received numerous promotions since; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Sergeant Zwart has served our country to protect and preserve the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Sergeant Zwart has been awarded the Molly Marine Award; Meritorious Mast for being Marine of the Month twice, highest average for the PFT, and two retirement ceremonies; a Certificate of Commendation for being an honor graduate and class leader; the Good Conduct Medal; and a Certificate of Appreciation for the Individual Ready Reserve for five years of service; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Tiffany Zwart has received Letters of Appreciation for her selfless volunteer efforts in worthy programs such as "Springtime with our Seniors," the Generations Fashion Show, and Post and Relief Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Zwart has excelled in many areas of training; she was a Class Leader in her Aviation Electronics Technician Intermediate Level Course and also received a Gray Belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Training Program; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Tiffany Zwart always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, evincing her deep love for her family, community, and country, Sergeant Zwart epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Zwart has served her country with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for her heroism in the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Sergeant Tiffany A. Zwart, United States Marine Corps, for her gallant and meritorious military service, commend her commitment and dedication to the venerable principles of this great Nation, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.